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SUBJECT: GOG ANNOUNCES MEETING OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND
FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS

1. GREEK RADIO AND SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY
BULLETIN ANNOUNCED MORNING MARCH 6 THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS
MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND OTHER MATTERS OF
MUTUAL CONCERN. THE TWO ATHENS NEWSPAPERS WHICH REPORTED
THE STORY - KATHIMERINI AND AKROPOLIS - GIVE IT PROMINENT
FRONT PAGE TREATMENT.

2. KATHIMERINI NOTED THAT DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN ATHENS
(MEANING IN THIS CASE AN OFFICIAL GOG BACKGROUNDER FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WE THINK) CONJECTURE THAT
SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT ASSURE BITSIOS THAT "NEW
PERCEPTIONS" PREVAIL IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AS TO
THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERN GREECE. THE SAME PAPER CALLS
TO MIND THAT PREVIOUS KISSINGER/BITSIOS MEETING WAS CAN-
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CELLED DUE TO TURKISH-CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF FEDERAL

TURKISH-CYPRIOT STATE AND THAT SINCE THIS SITUATION
STILL OBTAINS, TOMORROW'S MEETING MUST BE AT AMERICAN
INITIATIVE IN ORDER THAT THE SECRETARY CAN CONVEY SOME-
THING "ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT" TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.
KATHIMERINI ARTICLE ALSO CONSIDERS IT NOTEWORTHY THAT
THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BOTH ISSUED STATEMENTS
IN SUPPORT OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS IN COURSE OF PAST
SEVERAL DAYS, AND NOTES THAT DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS CON-
CLUDE "THIS COULD SIGNIFY A NEW POLICY LINE IN WASHINGTON."

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